

which any particular subject can most appropriately be acted upon.

Mr. HOPKINS: I accept the explanation, and withdraw the order.

MOVING TO BALTIMORE

Mr. SCOTT submitted the following order: Whereas, The City Council of Baltimore have tendered to this Convention, free of cost, a hall for our sessions; therefore

*Ordered*, That we accept their generous offer and adjourn to that city as soon as the Convention are in receipt of information that a suitable hall is ready for our reception.

Mr. BERRY of Prince George's. The change contemplated by that order is one in which we feel a very deep interest, and I think it should be very fully considered before being acted upon, and that it should be considered when we have as full a Convention as possible. I move that the consideration of the order be postponed until Tuesday next. Our President is absent, and a good many members of the Convention, and there are many reasons why it should be considered before being acted upon.

Mr. SCHLEY: I will ask if there is any committee here from the city of Baltimore to make this tender to the Convention, and if so, how they have communicated their instructions. I saw in the newspapers that such a resolution had passed, but I think we ought to have something more than that to base any action of the Convention upon, either to-day or hereafter. I therefore ask if there is any official invitation from the city authorities of Baltimore, through any parties authorized by them to make this tender.

Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county. Before that question is answered I will inquire if the Convention has asked of the city of Baltimore any such provision.

Mr. HEBB. I suppose the City Council of Baltimore can extend an invitation to this Convention without being asked to do so by the Convention. But we should first receive the invitation, before acting upon it, and if no such invitation has been sent to any member of the Convention, I suppose we are not prepared to act upon this order.

Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county. Then if any gentleman present has any information of such an invitation, received from the City Council of Baltimore, I ask that he present it to the Convention.

Mr. STIRLING. I am in favor of this motion to postpone, but I fear the gentleman from Prince George's (Mr. Berry) would miss the object he has in view by the delay he has named. I am aware that there is a very strong disposition among a great many members of this Convention to adjourn to Baltimore. I think it behooves us to give due consideration to the subject and decide it. But Tuesday next is a long way ahead; and I should much prefer a postponement to an earlier day. We have elected our presiding officer, but the com-

mittees of the Convention have not yet been appointed. Many members are absent—not a great many; and while I do not like to speak of anything that takes place outside, I think I may say that there was an understanding that there was to be some consultation upon this matter before we should be called upon to vote upon it. This morning I think it has taken most of us by surprise. I had no idea whatever that the matter was to be brought up until a few moments ago. I would move to substitute in the motion, that the further consideration of the order should be postponed until to-morrow. I want to get rid of it one way or the other.

Mr. BERRY of Prince George's. My object in postponing it a week was to notify members of the Convention who are absent many of them at their homes at a distance from this place, in order that they may participate in the action upon this proposition when the vote shall be taken. I do not know that we shall be in a better condition to act upon this order to-morrow than we are to-day. There would be no opportunity for giving proper notice that this great and important question is to be decided, if the vote is to be taken to-morrow. I am not anxious that Tuesday should be fixed upon as the day for acting upon the order, but I do think that time ought to be given for all members who are absent to be present and vote upon the order when the vote shall be taken by the Convention.

Mr. BELL. It seems to me that the proper way is for the Convention to rid itself altogether of the consideration of this subject at the present time. I do not see that it comports with the dignity of this body to be considering now whether it shall accept an invitation which it has no knowledge has been tendered to it at all. Neither this Convention, nor any member of it, is officially informed of any action of the City Council of Baltimore. We are going entirely too fast, it seems to me, to consider at all the proposition of the acceptance of an invitation that may be hereafter extended to us by the city of Baltimore, I would therefore suggest to my colleague (Mr. Berry) that the proper motion under the circumstances would be to lay the subject on the table. If any invitation shall be made, then I shall be inclined to consider what our response ought to be.

Mr. DANIEL. It is known through the public press that some action has been taken by the City Council of Baltimore in relation to this matter, although it has not been officially communicated to this body, and that their action is in effect an invitation to this Convention to adjourn to Baltimore, where they offer to provide us with suitable accommodations free from cost. If any member has a copy of their resolutions, I would most respectfully ask that they may be read.

Mr. BERRY of Prince George's. If the amendment of my friend from Baltimore city